

CONFIDENT

Walk Boldly in Your Faith
Part 1

'I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.' C.S. Lewis

What is BIBLICAL Confidence?

Description: **Internal ASSURANCES** lived out **PUBLICLY**

Hebrews 10:35 *'Therefore, do not throw away your **confidence**, which has a great reward.'*

Acts 4:13 *'Now as they observed the **confidence** of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to **recognize them as having been with Jesus.**'*

What is the best SOURCE of Confidence?

Confidence sourced from **OUTSIDE** ourself leads to **COURAGE**

Psalm 71:5; Proverbs 3:26

Confidence sourced from **INSIDE** ourself leads to **FEAR**

and **AGGRESSION**

What AREAS does God desire to give confidence?

In our personal **MAKEUP**, value, and worth Psalm 139:14

In our **INTERACTIONS** with Him Ephesians 3:12; Hebrews 4:16

In the **PROGRESS** of our personal development Philippians 1:6

How to **STAY** Strong / **STAND** Strong in life Psalm 27:3; Acts 4:29

Four Biblical statements to BUILD confidence upon!

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Life Group Discussion Questions – September 10, 2023

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DISCOVER

1. Why do we need a Christian worldview? What does it mean to walk boldly in faith? How does hope go along with confidence? What might cause you to lose confidence? How can Christians assess their level of assurance in the truth of scripture?
2. What certainty do those without a biblical worldview have in life after death? What assurance do non-believers have in heaven? In contrast, what confidence should we have in heaven?
3. What are the ramifications that come along with knowing God exists? Why does it matter that God existed before the beginning of time? What are the ramifications of Jesus stepping into the world? What hope does that provide? What is the importance of "in the beginning God" vs. "in the beginning a big bang"?
4. How does the Bible provide a rational and provable explanation for everything observed in the world today? Why is Christianity the only way to make sense of the world around us? How does the Bible support the perspective of a Christian's faith standing on the shoulders of Jesus and that being the only path to understanding the world?

EXPLORE

1. Read Psalm 139:14. Do you see yourself as being fearfully and wonderfully made? Does anything hold you back from embracing the truth of Psalm 139:14. Do you have an easier time believing others are made in the image of God than yourself? Why might that be?
2. Why should we be confident in our interactions with God? Read Ephesians 3:12 and Hebrews 4:16. How do these scriptures add to our yearning to draw near to Him with boldness and righteous fear?
3. Read Philippians 1:6. How does this scripture encourage you? What are some circumstances where you could use this scripture to lift the spirits of a fellow believer?
4. Read Psalm 27:3 and Acts 4:29-30. Why should we believe that God is in control? If God is in control, then how does that bring confidence and resolve into being about His work? Are you living a missional life in service to God? What might need to change for you to increase your boldness? Does Biblical confidence mean we never fail? What is good about failure?

EXPERIENCE

1. How strong are the deceptions of the devil? Why should we not underestimate the deceptions of the devil? How do we protect ourselves against schemes that draw us away from truth? How do Life Groups help us defend our faith?
2. What is the best source of confidence? What are the alternative sources of confidence for those who do not believe? Can confidence be sourced from within ourselves? Why or why not? What can go wrong if people just find confidence from within?
3. Those that play by their own rules are easy prey for the devil. Why is that true? In what areas does God desire to give confidence? Where do we get our value if not from God?
4. How willing are you to fight for the truth of the Bible? Why might believers shy away when challenged over their Christian worldview?

PRAY

Pray... Some have confidence in themselves but that is such a limited perspective. We have confidence in the One who made it all. In You alone do we trust. With your guidance, may we walk boldly in the great commission. We can do it because you have decreed it. Amen.